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1. Between October 1949 and September 1953, an airfield was observed 25X1
at the northern perimeter of Novocherkassk (4725 N/4005 E), Donetsk
Oblast. The field was presumably occupied by a flying school of the
Soviet Air Force. Air activity by biplanes was observed in the area
along the northern edge of the town.

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2. Beginning in the summer of 1952, air activity by single-jet aircraft
was observed over Shakhty (4742 N/4013 E), almost every day. In general
individual flights were made and occasionally a formation of 3 aircraft 25X1
was seen aloft. A formation of 9 aircraft was seldom observed flying
at the same time. The aircraft which always approached from the south
or southwest presumably came from Rostov (4714 N/3944 E) airfield. Th is
assumption was supported by the fact that intensive air activity by aircraft
of the same type was observed over Rostov.

3. The formation flights by single-jet aircraft apparently were practice
flights since the distance between the individual planes were not well
kept particularly when the direction of flight was changed. No aerobatics,
except for individual loops, were made by aircraft which flew individually.
The Shakhty area was apparently the northern border of the training area 25X1
since the aircraft usually turned over Shakhty and returned in the
direction from which they had come. The aircraft were called MiG-15s by the
PWs. They had swept-back wings.

4. Between February and September 1953, aircraft with 4 piston engines were
were repeatedly observed flying individually in the Shakhty air space. 25X1
The aircraft always flew from south or southwest toward the north or
northeast. They were never seen flying in the opposite direction. The
planes presumably came from Rostov airfield since aircraft of the same
type were observed flying west of Rostov. The fuselage of the aircraft
was slim, the wings had swept-back leading edges and straight trailing
edges. No further details could be observed since the aircraft flew at
high altitudes over Shakhty and the observation possibilities in Rostov
were limited.

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1. Comment. According to previous reports, the field just north of NovoCherkassk (40°09'E/47°27'N) is used by young pilots and is occupied by single-jet aircraft. A concrete runway is allegedly located there. From other unconfirmed reports it is inferred that another airfield is located about 9 km north of the town center. 25X1
2. Comment. Air activity by single-jet aircraft particularly in the area south of Shakhty was mentioned in previous reports. It cannot be determined what the aircraft are stationed at airfields in the NovoCherkassk-Rostov area. 25X1
3. Comment. The four-engine aircraft may possibly be Tu-4s. This aircraft type was mentioned in previous reports. The home field of these aircraft has not been determined. 25X1

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